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EASLEY ANNOUNCES TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Raleigh - Gov. Mike Easley has announced the creation of the Traumatic Brain Injury Council. The council was created by General Statute 143B-216.65.

The council is charged with reviewing the legal definition of "traumatic brain injury" to determine whether changes need to be made to the definition; promoting cooperation among state agencies responsible for the support of traumatic brain injury victims; studying the needs of affected individuals and families; and making recommendations to state agencies and officials regarding planning and implementation of service delivery systems.

Easley has appointed David W. Forsythe of Creedmoor, Lynn Freeman of Raleigh, Robert S. "Bob" Gauldin of Indian Trail, Tonia Harrison of Goldsboro, Albert S. Hart of Raleigh, Charles G. Monnett III of Charlotte, Ila Nofziger of Cornelius, Dr. Patrick J. O'Brien of Cary, Robert "Bob" Seligson of Raleigh, Jamesa B. Selleck of Flat Rock and Jack St. Clair of Kenansville to serve on the council.

Forsythe is executive director of Person County Group Homes Inc. in Roxboro. He developed a non-profit company in 1991, Person Developers Inc., to provide vocational opportunities for adults with developmental disabilities, mental illness or traumatic brain injuries. He is an active member of the Person County United Way, the Person County Interagency Council and the First Baptist Church of Creedmoor. He received his bachelor's degree from N.C. State University.

Freeman has worked in human resources for North Carolina state government for 29 years. Currently she is a human resources partner for the Office of State Personnel. She is active in the community, serving as a youth group leader for Hayes Barton Methodist Church, volunteering in local arts and theater groups, and has previously served on the board for the Wake Education Partnership. Freeman is the mother of a traumatic brain injury survivor. She received her bachelor's of arts in journalism and her bachelor's of science in nursing from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Gauldin is a chart analyst at Carolina Medical Center University. He previously worked as a project specialist at the Charlotte Institute of Rehabilitation. He received his bachelor's degree from Guilford College in Greensboro.

Harrison suffered a traumatic brain injury in 1993 and is the survivor representing the Eastern